## PATENT APPLICATION

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## PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.182

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant submits that application papers were filed on March 7, 2006, requesting National stage under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT/JP2004/013253, however, applicant's intent was to file the above-identified application as a Continuation Application, under 35 U.S.C. § 111 (a) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 of PCT/JP2004/013253. Therefore, applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified application be examined as a Continuation Application, under 35 U.S.C. § 111 (a) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.53. Applicant further requests that the \$1050.00 filing fee submitted with the application papers on March 7, 2006, also be converted to the requested Continuation Application, under 35 U.S.C. § 111 (a) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.53.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge the \$400.00 petition fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h) to deposit account no. 19-4880 and any and all other required fees, except for Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.182 Application No. 10/571,054

the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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